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Monthly Thoughts

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Illumination: I daily praise Spirit within me for illumination and ever-increasing wisdom.

Prosperity: Let all my thought people praise Thee, O God; then shall the earth yield her increase and prosperity become manifest.

Healing: I daily praise the Spirit of life and health for restoring me to perfection of mind and body.

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The Formative Power of Thought

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THAT THE BODY is moved by thought is universally accepted, but that thought is also the builder of the body is not so widely admitted. We know that thought moves the various members of the body, because we have constantly before us manifestations of the close sympathy between thought and act. Before I run, I think that I will run, and my legs begin to move swiftly in imagination before I begin the action outwardly. It was found by a system of experiments made at Harvard University that the thought of running causes the blood to rush into the legs. A man was put flat on his back on a balanced beam, which was adjusted so that the least bit of added weight at head or foot registered on the index. When a perfect balance was attained, the man was given a problem in mathematics to solve. Immediately the index showed increased weight at the

head, indicating that thought had called the blood there. Then he was told to imagine that he was running, and the index showed added weight shifting to the feet.

Here is proof that thought not only moves the external members of the body, but that it controls the fluids flowing within the body. If thought so readily moves the blood from place to place, who shall say that it does not move the nerve fluid, or that still more volatile substance, the magnetic force that pervades all organisms? We affirm that thought controls nerve force and magnetic force, and that it not only moves them but also forms and organizes their activities in the body.

Medical authorities of the highest repute tell us that certain organs of the body are self-renewing; that it is a puzzle to them how these parts ever wear out. If you had a sewing machine that constantly replaced the little particles worn away by friction, would that machine ever be destroyed? In health, man's body has this power of replacing worn parts, and when it is *in harmony* it never wears out. The harmony referred to is self-adjustment to the law of Being, to the law of divine nature, to the law of God. It does not matter what you call this fundamental principle underlying all life—the important thing is to understand it, and to put yourself in harmony with it.

We have often been told that we should be healthy if we conformed to the laws of nature, but no one has been able to tell us just what those laws are. Some have said that this conformity consists in eating the right kind of food, or in drinking the right

kind of water in the right sort of way, or in breathing pure air and wearing suitable clothes. We have done all these things, and there is yet something lacking. It is quite evident that we have not, by observing these external adjustments, gotten at the underlying principle of nature. Nature works intelligently, and we shall never be able to conform to her laws until we approach her as we would a wise and loving mother, who, we know, gladly gives us what we want when we use it wisely. Nature is not a blind force working in darkness and ignorance. All her works indicate intelligence—mind in action. This being true, we perceive that we cannot conform to the laws of nature until we recognize the Mind *through* which she works.

Those who have not thought about this proposition, those who have not tried to know and understand the *mental* side of life, are like men walking in broad daylight with their eyes closed. The mind has eyes, and we can see (perceive) the inner intelligence when we look with mind. But those who look wholly with the physical eye are really blind—having eyes, they see not. Man's salvation from sin, sickness, pain, and death comes by his understanding and conforming to the orderly Mind back of all existence. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Man is an epitome of Being. Psychology finds his soul responding to all the emotions, sensations, and vibrations of the sentient world about him, and spiritual science discerns that his superconsciousness is inspired with all the ideas fundamental in Divine Mind. Man, then, is the key to God and the universe,

and he may know all things by studying his own constitution. Supreme in this constitution is mind. Man must base all his researches on mind, because mind is the starting point of every thought and act.

Some metaphysicians teach that man makes himself, others teach that God makes him, and still others hold that the creative process is a co-operation between God and man. The latter is proved true by those who have had the deepest spiritual experiences. Jesus recognized this dual creative process, as is shown in many statements relative to His work and the Father's work. "My Father worketh even until now, and I work." God creates in the ideal, and man carries out in the manifest what God has idealized. Jesus treats of this relation between the Father and the Son in the 5th chapter of John: "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing: for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner."

Thought is the creative power by which man builds a mentality and a body of perfection. Man understandingly uses his creative thought power by mentally perceiving the right relation of ideas, "what he seeth the Father doing," as stated by Jesus. Thus we see the necessity not only for thinking right thoughts, but also for having a right basis for our thinking. We must think according to universal Principle. The successful mathematician bases all his calculations on the rules of mathematical science; so the successful metaphysician bases his creative thinking on the unlimited ideas of the one Mind. Christianity is a science because it is governed by scientific principles of mind action. These principles

are really the foundation of all the various sciences. but these sciences all are secondary, while divine science is primary.

The physical scientist deals with the electron, or molecule, or cell, in his analysis of forms. He postulates that atoms exist, but he has never seen one. He assumes that the realm *beyond* the ken of physical perception is not possible of investigation. The metaphysician, however, delves into the realm where atoms, and molecules, and cells are *formed,* and he not only sees how they are made, but he acquires the ability to make them. He finds that they all are dependent on ideas, and that by using right ideas he can make manifest any form or shape that he may desire. For example, what externally is named *substance* has its source in a mental *idea* of form and shape. What is termed *life* has its source in an *idea* of action. What is termed *intelligence* has its source in an *idea* of knowing. All the manifestations that we see about us are produced in the same way; they have their source in some *idea* in mind, and they can be formed and transformed at will by one who understands and uses this mind power.

A study of the mind and its innumerable manifestations reveals often a difference between a thing and the mind in which the thing has its original impetus as an idea. Life in Divine Mind is unlimited as an *idea* back of perpetual, omnipresent action, but by man's thought it may be subjected to many limitations. Substance in Divine Mind is an idea of perfection in form, but man's thought usually caricatures it. Intelligence in Divine Mind is all-knowing, but man's thought has said that there is ignorance, so

ignorance has been demonstrated. But we should not assume that all *manifestation* is good because the originating idea came from Divine Mind. All ideas have their foundation in Divine Mind, but man has put the limitation of his negative thought upon them, and sees them "in a mirror, darkly."

Applying this reasoning to individual consciousness, we find just how man thinks his body into disease. Instead of basing his thought on what is true in the absolute of Being, he bases it on conditions as they appear in the formed realm about him, and the result is bodily discord in multitudinous shapes. Pervading all nature is a universal thought substance that is more sensitive than the phonographic record. The mechanical record receives and preserves vibrations of sound, but the thought substance does better than this; it transcribes not only all sounds, but even the slightest vibration of thought.

The telephone system of a large city is a good illustration of the manner in which thought works on the organism. The nerves are the wires and the nerve fluids are the electricity. The ganglionic aggregations throughout the body are the substations. The presiding intelligence sends its thought from the head; "Central," at the solar plexus, receives the message and makes connection with the part of the body designated. You think of your stomach; instantly the connection is made with that center and the presiding thought stationed there takes your message and carries it into effect. If the message is, "You are weak," weakness is recorded. If you say, "You are strong, vigorous, fearless, spiritual intelligence, life, and substance," that message is tran-

scribed and then carried into action in the body.

Every part of the body is connected with the great solar-plexus central station, which is very obedient in carrying out instructions received from the presiding intelligence in the head. There are several great subcenters and innumerable minor centers in the organism. These centers of thought are the formed ideas of mind that have an affinity for one another, based upon the attractive power of love, the binding factor of the organism. Physical science calls this binding energy centripetal force, but all forces of whatever character are fundamentally spiritual, and they must be reduced to ideas, thoughts, and words, in order to be understood.

All ideas pertaining to life expression have their center of action in that part of the body called the generative system; whatever thought we think or express in words about *life* is immediately sent to this generative ganglion and registered there. Not only are these thoughts registered, but man has, by repeated thinking, built up an ego, or identity, at that center. The dominant thought of this identity is life action in its various phases. The life center is divine, and should be thought about and used in the purest, highest way. This will lead to the perfect manifestation of life in the whole body. All thoughts about the loss of life, or the weakness of life, or the impurity of life, should be persistently denied out of mind, and we should make the strongest kind of affirmations of what life is in God. In this way we connect the life center with its spiritual source, and it is restored to divine harmony.

A majority of the ills that afflict the body have

their origin in erroneous thoughts about life and in misuse of the generative life function. In Genesis the life center is compared to a tree—its roots are in the ground and its branches reach up to the heavens. All the pleasant sensations in the organism are produced by the forces emanating from this center. Along the nerves, or branches, the life center sends its currents of life to the very extremities of the body, and even beyond, into the finer ethers of the soul. The life center is spiritual, but its vibrations are so subtle (serpentlike) that man is tempted to eat its fruits, to consume in its pleasant sensations the reserve forces of his organism. His indulgence unfrocks him —takes away his robe of power and mastery and dominion over the physical forces that environ him. Instead of abiding at the center of his body and consciously ruling it and the world of nature without him, he is cast out "from the garden of Eden."

By a right understanding, and by using right thoughts and words, man will regain the kingdom within him and will be reinstated in the Garden of Eden. This process of man's taking up power and dominion again is now being carried out in all those who are seeking the righteousness of the Christ consciousness. In this higher-thought realm, all ideas pertaining to the life of man are in harmonious relation, and when we ask in silent thought for this knowledge, our mind is flooded with its light. We apprehend only according to the receptivity, steadfastness, understanding, and persistent faith of our mind. But we *grow* in faith and understanding, and no matter how slowly we seem to be progressing we should never be discouraged or give up. Everyone

is heir to this higher-thought consciousness, and all must eventually attain it. When the beauty of this spiritual realm is spread before us we should express gratitude—give thanks to the great Soul of the universe. When the astronomer, Kepler, realized the grandeur of the laws that were revealed to him, he exclaimed: "O God, I am thinking Thy thoughts after Thee."

Affirmations for Right Thinking

"As he thinketh within himself, so is he."

I will think no evil, for Thou art always with me.

The thoughts of God are His angels: "He shall give his angels charge concerning thee."

"The thought of foolishness is sin."

"The thoughts of the righteous are just."

"Commit thy works unto Jehovah, and thy purposes shall be established."

"I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil."

"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!"

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts."

"Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Freedom—Religion—Peace

ANNE McCOLLUM BOYLES

ACROSS THE YEARS of the past have been men and women who in the darkest hours held steady and were guided wisely. Although the difficulties with which they dealt were not precisely like ours, the similarity is close enough. The fact that they were able to overcome cheers us. It justifies hope that there may be resources for us in these hard days.

To discover these resources, however, we must have a philosophy of life that is sound and adequate. Someone has said, "Religion will not again be potent until the belief is revitalized that God has a purpose and a plan—not only for the world, but for every individual."

We must learn to turn to some quiet place for the purpose of gaining mental and spiritual poise. If we are wise, we turn to the church, to personal prayer, and meditation, and we open our hearts in spiritual communion to the heavenly Father.

Our Constitution grew out of prayer. These facts throw significant light on the subject:

By the middle of June 1787, the Constitutional Convention had almost bogged down in its deliberations. Representatives of the thirteen original states had haggled for a month. They had made little progress, and suspicion had been sown among them. Personal dislikes and sectional jealousies had become threadbare. And on the morning of June 16 in that

year Benjamin Franklin addressed George Washington with these words:

"How has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understanding? . . . I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? . . .

"I . . . believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel. We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded; and we ourselves shall become a reproach and byword down to future ages. And, what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war, and conquest."

The Constitutional Convention delegates prayed and made progress beyond any dream fancied in the darkest hours for human liberty.

We live in the midst of blessings and are utterly insensible to their greatness or of the source from which they flow. We speak of our civilization, our arts, our freedom, our laws and forget entirely how large a share is due to Christianity. Blot Christianity from the pages of man's history, and what would his laws have been? What his civilization? Christianity is a part of our very beings and our daily lives; there is not a familiar object around us that does not wear

a different aspect because the light of Christian love is on it. There is not a law that does not owe its truth to Christianity—not a custom that cannot be traced in all its holy parts to the gospel.

The religion of the gospel has power, immense power, over mankind—direct and indirect, positive and negative, restraining and aggressive. Civilization, law, order, morality, the family, all that elevates man and woman, blesses society, and gives peace to the nation—all these are the fruits of Christianity, the full power of which can never be appreciated unless they are denied us.

Our security is in God. Trusting in Him, we realize that He expects us to do all we can for ourselves. Our sense of duty is rooted in national judgment and is evidence of our abilities to appraise experience, determine values, and conceive a highest good. The more refined and spiritual the inner nature of an individual is, the deeper and more far-reaching will be his feeling of obligation.

Our burdens are heavy but our faith is strong. We know that you who served in the armed forces, in addition to being our boys and our brothers, are also God's sons. We know that He loves you even better than we do. He gives "his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

In its fullest expression duty touches all of life. relating itself to home and business, school and church, state and nation. It has inspired patriotism and courage, called forth devotion and sacrifice, and has released the loftiest and most exalted impulses of man. While it enslaves us it also sets us free, for only in the fulfillment of its stern mandates are we

capable of the highest realization of life. It is the call of conscience; it is the voice of God.

"To them that love God all things work together for good." What a strange text for a time like this! How can "all things work together for good" in this kind of a world?

Can any good come out of the world situation through which we are passing? Can anything "work for good" in this hour? Not unless we believe in the ultimate triumph of right over wrong, the victory of love over hatred.

Other nations are looking to the United States for help. It is time for prayers, by assembled worshipers and by contrite souls in their closets, that America may be allowed to keep her God-given freedom and power to bear the responsibilities that are already evident.

God has the power and the grace to bring good out of the evil men do. If we are willing to believe in His way and to follow Him faithfully, He will bring a day of brotherhood and co-operation out of this time.

"If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?"

True Strength

I have no need for arms or might
Against a foe to send;
God gives me greater strength to say,
"I love and bless you, friend."

—*Ercelle Davis*

Have You Tried Being Thankful?

NAIDA CHRISTMAN

ONE SPRING several years ago I was convalescing from a long illness. For hours I sat in the lawn swing in our back yard, soaking in the sunshine and waiting for new strength to flow through my body. My mind was not at peace, for my yard and house looked so neglected. Two small boys and a husband cannot be on their own for several months without some effect on household routine. In reality, the state of my yard, my house, and my mind were exactly the same, although I did not yet realize this.

One morning I was listening to the "Unity Viewpoint" radio program and heard a suggestion that seemed exceedingly strange to me—yet one that seemed worth trying. The speaker said that when we are discontented with what we have (a home was mentioned as an example), the thing to do is to act as though it is exactly what we want, to be thankful for it, to bless it, and to do the best we possibly can with it. He also said that until we are thankful for what we have there is no reason to expect anything better. The obvious way to be thankful for a home, for instance, he said, is to take care of it, to devote our time and thought to it, and to put our love into it, carefully, bit by bit. There might be insufficient money to carry out even a simple redecorating scheme, yet here is a good starting place, he continued. We can go on from here a little at a time.

Once we have begun, we find there are many things we can do that require a good deal more effort than money.

Another thing he said that day really hit me hard. It was as though he spoke directly to me. He said that a home reflects the woman who runs it! The general appearance and atmosphere in her home not only reflect her interest and taste, but also the state of her mind. He explained this by saying that it is part of her brought out into the open for all to behold!

My favorite excuse for not doing more with my own house had always been that it was a style I did not care for. There had been no part of me in this house to begin with, so why try to do anything with it? Now, however, as I sat in the lawn swing, it began to come to me that the reason I was not part of my house was that I had never put any of myself into it. The old thought immediately presented itself—that it was a cold, modern house, and a homey atmosphere could never be created in it.

Then I deliberately made a decision that proved the turning point in my life. If there was anything to what the radio announcer said, I intended to find out!

Perhaps it was because I happened to be in the yard when this decision was made, or possibly I felt the yard needed the most attention. Anyhow, I decided to try to carry out a little of the idea right where I was. I remember being acutely embarrassed at looking around while toying with the thought that the yard reflected part of me. Certainly there was much to be done in the yard—as well as to myself!

The first step was an obvious one—a good weeding job. There were so many weeds both in the yard and in my mind that I knew it would be necessary to ask for a great deal of help in the beginning. So I took my first step by asking God to help me weed out all the disorganized, ugly, space-taking habits of thought that had taken such firm hold on me. Having done this, plans for a section of the yard claimed all my attention.

That evening when my husband came home we talked about improving the yard, but I did not tell him about my entire project. Surprisingly enough, he agreed to start right then and there. He dug up a plot of ground for me to plant. Soon a larger piece of ground had to be prepared. As I pulled out a weed, it represented a thought that had not served me well; and I would picture its being pulled out of my mind, leaving space for something better. By the same token, as I put each small plant in its place, I quietly talked to it, allowing thoughts of love and the promise of the beauty it would give to fill my mind.

One lesson I began to learn was the lesson of patience, which all gardening teaches. We cannot hurry things. Each plant must take the time allotted to it in which to fulfill itself. There is a constant, gentle unfolding process from the seed to the riotous beauty of a full-blown flower. When days came, as they inevitably did, that it seemed I was making no progress with my inner garden I would spend an especially long time with my flowers. Once more they would tell me the story of relaxed and gentle growth.

The next step came through my husband. This is where Paul's "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" idea came in. One day we were having lunch outdoors. My husband had been admiring the general appearance of the yard. Quite unexpectedly he remarked that it made the house look more than ever in need of a paint job. God works in very wonderful ways, and when we are really trying to do the thing He wants us to do He is always willing and able to help us. So, although we did not feel that we had the necessary money to carry out the painting job, we went on discussing color schemes, and the like, just as though we were going to do it immediately. And we did! A little extra work came in, our money stretched farther than we expected, and we were able to hire a painter within the next few days.

A year before, I had painted a tropical scene at one end of my patio, and now the painter had to paint over it. However, the lesson taught by the plants was beginning to take its effect, and I knew that with God's help I would paint a new and lovelier scene. For no known reason, from this time on visitors remarked about the "unusually alive" look my scene had. But the painting did not stop here. As I worked, I conceived the desire to paint a large potted palm tree on the opposite wall, and before this was completed another idea came to me. So a third painting came into being.

Perhaps I should make it clear that I am not an artist. Indeed, this was the sum total of my painting experience up to this time. But, you see, I was unfolding the beauty that was hidden within me, even

as were the plants in my yard. Therefore, I painted instinctively and accurately. By the time I completed my scenes the painter was finishing the outside trim on the house, and people were beginning to drive around the block a second time to take another look at our place. This was not all God had in mind for us, though, as you shall see.

As I painted, weeded, and planted, quietly blessing and being thankful for all the wonderful things I had, my mind became more receptive. My thoughts were definitely taking on a positive, cheerful attitude, and it was showing up in all that my hand touched. Then another lovely surprise came. My husband decided we could afford to have the painter do the kitchen and one bedroom and that he would finish the other rooms himself!

Before we finished we had painted the entire house! It became a place of unusual beauty, because, before making any decision, I would always turn within to ask the greatest decorator of all just what would be best. It was in this manner that our home gradually began to take on new life. Somehow the thing we needed or wanted, yet could not afford at the time, was always given to us. If material was needed for a certain purpose, we would find it on sale, and so on. All the time my surprising talent kept growing, and I painted pictures all over my kitchen, hall, and bathroom walls. Our living room was so outstanding—though we spent only a few dollars on it—that an interior decorator asked permission to examine it. At this point various neighbors began to take more interest in the appearance of their homes. As a matter of fact, it was the beginning of an "epidemic." You

see, a desire for the good and beautiful is a lot more contagious than a germ.

This would seem to make a lovely ending to my story, but it is not an ending—it is only the beginning. Now I was really learning how to accept the lovely and the good from life. My being thankful for and blessing that which I *now had* was definitely working! It would have been foolish to stop at this point, although it did not seem possible that I could receive more just because I was showing a thankful spirit for the things I had. How much I still had to learn!

For years I had wanted an electric organ and believed that I would have one someday. During a period of rest and meditation one afternoon a thought struck me rather forcibly. Why, the state of my thinking concerning an organ—toward music in general—would probably look like my yard had if it could be brought into the open for close scrutiny! It became immediately obvious that although I had prayed sincerely for an organ actually my thoughts had been filled with the weeds of frustration, resentment, and a feeling of not being appreciated by my family, musically speaking.

Once more I turned to God for help in weeding out all these ugly thoughts. This time He did the planting also. The words, "Now faith is assurance of *things* hoped for, a conviction of things not seen," came to my mind. With a heart suddenly bursting with thanksgiving I thought of the musical instruments I now had and of the music that was in my soul. At the same time, the words, "Faith is assurance of *things* hoped for," kept repeating themselves in my mind. Then came a sudden realization that right

now the very essence of the organ had already become mine. With this thought the vision of an electric organ—my organ—came to me. In spite of the fact that the purchase of an organ had been a source of contention in our family for a number of years, I started planning definitely on having one. About a month later, a lovely organ was delivered to my home, and we were all thrilled about it. When things are not forced, but allowed to come in the right way, there is never any discord about them. This is a rule that cannot fail.

Now, surely, I was finished. But no! The idea kept coming to me that we should start thinking of a larger home. I shall have to make a confession. I still could not grasp the meaning of the allness of the Divine; consequently, it seemed to me that I had received all that was my share. However, at each of my thanking-weeding-planting talks with my heavenly Father the thought of a larger home would come to me. Although I was thoroughly ashamed to ask for a larger home, when I really loved the one I had now, I did begin to think about it, but I did not mention it to anyone else.

In less than six months, my husband (he had been so opposed to all thoughts of building a house prior to this time!) suggested that we drive into the country in search of some suitable property. Yes! We found the loveliest spot imaginable. On it we have built a home that is so full of God's planning and love that everyone who steps inside can feel it. It is a home both beautiful and restful. While all who come are exclaiming over it, I am thankful within myself, because I, and I alone, know how it was built!

God's Will

RICHARD HEWITT

OFTEN THE QUESTION of what actually is God's will for mankind comes up in conversation, and it is rather amazing to discover how widely diversified are the opinions expressed. It seems that each person has his own opinion, which differs in some respect from every other person's.

Regardless of individual interpretation—or perhaps more correctly, individual speculation—I believe that the majority of people are deeply interested in discovering the true nature of the divine will. In fact, this point may concern us a great deal more than we care to admit. So we secretly welcome discussion on it in the hope that we will discover more about it.

What does God's will mean to you? What opinion have you formed concerning this all-important question?

You may see it as the strictest kind of predestination, with every move and every occurrence plotted beforehand. Or possibly you regard it as God's limitless bounty and an absolute freedom to choose from that bounty.

It does not seem at all likely to me that God is an uncertain Being. If we could attribute human qualities to Him, I believe that about the first quality to appear would be that of definiteness. First and foremost, God is definite in what He does. Either His will is predestined or it is not. In spite of popu-

lar belief to the contrary, indications that it is not can be found everywhere.

But remember this: whatever the divine endowment may be, the view you take of it will determine your progress through life. For instance, a belief in predestination builds within one an attitude of fatalism—a feeling that what is to be will be and nothing can be gained by struggling against it. This fatalistic attitude is deadly to progress; it tends to throttle all incentive to achieve.

Such a feeling is probably familiar to all of us; we no doubt have been conscious of it at one time or another. Arising from apparently nowhere—or from the most trivial of causes—a sense of complete futility moves in and takes over our thinking processes. While in this condition, we feel we can do nothing but stagnate—spiritually, mentally, and physically. It seems that all ability to think, speak, or act constructively has been wiped out. It is the easiest thing in the world to sit down, fold our hands, and say in complete resignation, "What's the use?"

How could we possibly make any progress while we are in the grip of such an attitude? We could not lift a finger to better ourselves if we wanted to.

Consider for a moment what predestination really means. If an established fact, it would mean that every experience of our lives was planned in advance for us—down to the last detail. It would mean that we would go through each experience in a sequence already laid out ahead of us. Furthermore, it would mean that any rebellion on our part against such rigid planning would accomplish nothing except to make our way through life much harder.

Unfortunately, a great many persons believe in predestination. In fact, the doctrine of predestination and its close relative, the attitude of fatalism, have become so widely accepted that they constitute a very strong factor in race-consciousness.

As a consequence, the will of God has been accepted as something we must undergo whether we like it or not. Inevitably the belief has taken shape that the divine will always is unpleasant and disagreeable, but to be accepted and endured with the best possible grace because it is for our good. I doubt if there is a more erroneous concept of God's legacy.

Let us destroy the idea of predestination right now. Let us make a definite effort to grasp the truth that we are made in the image of our Creator and have been gifted by Him with dominion over all earthly things. Let us be certain in our own thought that if predestination cannot affect God, then it cannot affect us, His children.

What really is the divine will for us?

Is it not reasonable to conclude that the Creator of the universe lavishes upon His universe—His creation—all those things and conditions that are basically like Him? And does it not seem that it would be simple common sense to regard the Creator as just that—a creator and not a destroyer?

The next logical point is this: an inherently constructive Creator could know and will for His Creation only what He is able to know; that is, constructive conditions and things. In other words, He could will only that which is of a constructive nature —like Himself. If we keep this idea clearly in mind, we should have little difficulty in forming a clear

understanding of just what constitutes the divine legacy for mankind. For you and for me, and for every member of the human race, God's will is every good thing; it is all understanding, all health, all harmony, all abundance. Consequently, it is not anything to be feared or dreaded; it is something to be keenly anticipated.

Recently this remark was made by a friend of our family: "Why is it that God doesn't bend His will a little to help a person who's trying to have faith in Him?"

This remark is not as ridiculous as it may seem. What our friend had in mind was: On the surface it seems unfair for one to struggle with might and eager expectation to achieve a desired demonstration only to meet with failure. Evidently she felt that God had willed failure for her in many respects. But she did not like it and wanted Him to set aside enough of His will to allow her to enjoy at least one demonstration.

Consider what the effect of bending one's will would be. Would it not cause a deviation from the original intent? Would it not mean that the result of the bending would be something different from the result of the original process?

Remembering the statement—that God's gift giving is all good—then obviously the result of bending the divine will would be something different from the original intention, would it not? Since the term "all good" means exactly that—all good—the only possible deviation would have to be away from the good or be less than good.

So if God were to bend His will in any respect

whatever, it would mean just one thing: that He would be willing less than good for anyone or everyone. One can see from this that it is not so much a case of the divine will bending to meet us as it is our growing to meet the divine will.

If we openly declare our belief that God wishes for us every good thing, someone is certain to ask: "All right, if that's so, then why don't I receive all kinds of good things? Why do I meet up with so many unpleasant happenings if God hasn't willed them for me?"

These questions prove to be the stumbling block in the thinking of many persons, and it is one that appears to have no truly satisfactory answer. However, it seems to me that our chief difficulty rests in an inability, or unwillingness to grasp the truth that our Creator has prepared a limitless treasure of everything needful for our fullest expression of life and has freely made it available to us. We have trouble believing that He wants us to be healthy, happy, and successful, to be like Him in every respect, and therefore, puts no obstacles in our pathway of growth.

We prefer to focus our attention on obstacles and shortcomings, erroneously regarding them as divine will. If we only knew it, we do God a grave injustice when we believe this of Him.

We would not for a moment think our earthly parents capable of trying to block our activities in order to prevent the consummation of our heart's desires. We would unconsciously expect, and rightly so, their help and encouragement as far as they could give it.

Remember the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount? He says:

"What man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Need anything more be said?

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"Mustard-Seed" Faith

KATHLEEN W. WELCH

THERE IS SOMETHING new in costume jewelry. It is very popular with both teen-agers and women. This new idea is a little mustard seed placed in the center of a small glass ball. In one side of the ball and in tiny print is the verse, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing shall be impossible unto you." This little ball is sometimes attached to a bracelet and sometimes to a thin chain necklace, as the wearer prefers.

To me this small crystal ball is a wonderful symbol of the deep, inner faith of most persons, whether consciously acknowledged or not. Seeing more and more of my friends wearing these mustard seeds, I thought about faith. I would like to share my thoughts with you.

What is most important about man's spiritual faith? We know Jesus taught that it is essential to healing, to worth-while achievement of any sort. We know He said, "According to your faith be it done unto you." We read in the Bible about the constant faith of some of the old prophets. The New Testament gives many examples of the outstanding faith of some who came in contact with Jesus.

It seems to me that some very sincere persons could become discouraged when they read these examples of great faith. Many wonderful persons I have known have been genuinely worried about the depth and extent of their faith. "If only I had more

faith," they will say, or, "If only I could hold to my faith more steadfastly, I could accomplish more." Many of us lose sight of a very significant fact. Jesus did not say: "Before you can be healed, before you can accomplish anything worth while, you will have to understand fully what faith is; you will have to build it into great strength and depth and power. Then can you be healed and accomplish many wonderful things, but not before." No, indeed. He said no such words. Listen to His actual, tender, and understanding words to the beloved children of His Father: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing shall be impossible unto you." "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."

Jesus always praised great faith—in the centurion who asked for the healing of his servant, in the woman who touched the hem of His garment, and in many others. But He also, and very definitely, encouraged lesser faith. On analysis, a significant fact is that one requisite of this lesser faith stands out clearly. Faith, however small, must be active; it cannot be static and survive. A seed, though small, is one of the most active and productive of created things. That is why the great Teacher used it as an example of faith. All growing things are active—invisibly in the first stages and later, reaching up steadily toward the light and warmth, they emerge into visible beauty.

And so it is with our small seed of faith. It is already planted in our hearts "according to the gift of . . . God," and if we keep it actively alive it has to grow. This is the law. It has been said that faith

is like a bicycle. It stands upright only when in motion. The minute it stops moving, it flops on its side. "What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can faith save him? . . . faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself . . . by works a man is justified, and not only by faith . . . For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead."

So our faith, even though it may be as small as a grain of mustard seed, must be active, alive, busy proving itself. This is the only way it can grow. A knowledge of the words about faith in the Bible and other religious writings or discussions on faith will never prove to us or anyone else that we really have faith. If the fundamental rules of arithmetic were never used or proved by the learning child, he could never advance in his study and would not be able to take these principles into adult life.

And so it is with our faith. The world in general is little interested in what we believe. But it is tremendously interested if what we believe and have faith in causes us to do somthing loving, beautiful, wise, or unselfish. Those around us are interested in our faith if it is sufficiently active in our minds and hearts to cause us to set good examples of loving, of patience, and of wise tenderness toward others.

How easy it is to allow our little "mustard seed" of faith to slumber in the invisible dark of the earth. One man had for years tried to help a brother break himself of the drinking habit. One day he saw this brother coming toward him on the street, very much under the influence of liquor. A feeling of disgust, resentment, and shame swept over him, and he quick-

ly turned aside into a store until the other had passed. Looking around he discovered that he had entered a bookstore. Almost mechanically he reached for and took the book nearest his hand. He opened it to these words: "Every man is the presence of God in action. 'Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy.' " And farther down on the page he read this prayer, "Father, forgive me those times when I have not seen Thine image, man, as I should see him."

After standing deep in thought for a moment, he added to himself, "Forgive me, brother John, for failing to see in you the shining Christ, the beloved Son of God!" Hurrying out of the store, he overtook his brother and took him home and cared for him. The next day he told John what had happened in the bookstore, and they had a long talk. John agreed to ask help of Alcoholics Anonymous, something that he had refused to do previously. After he did, a complete and permanent healing resulted. The "mustard seed" of faith had stirred to activity, uncovering the glories of the kingdom of heaven, which was at hand for him.

Now about that apparently delayed answer to your prayer. You may say to yourself: "It must be because my faith isn't strong enough, my understanding isn't sufficient. Other people seem to be able to work things out, but I just don't seem to get results." The first thing for you to do, then, is to change this negative attitude about yourself. You are talking about the image and beloved child of God. Remember? The image of God cannot really be lacking in either faith or understanding. These are the gifts of

God and need only recognition. A deep sense of gratitude to God for these gifts makes them more active and productive. Thank God every day for the active faith and understanding He has given you. Ask Him to help you use it in His own good way. Every time you are tempted to say to yourself, "I am not working out this healing, this prosperity, this relationship problem, because of my lack of faith," pull yourself up short and remember the little mustard seed and Jesus' comforting words of assurance.

You do have faith. You are very important in the working out of God's purposes here on earth. Your faith may be small, but it has to grow if you believe in it and use it. And it can be used to good effect in the everyday affairs of life, just as in the more impressive ways. Have you ever noticed how faith in a person, and especially wise and sincere praise of him, will inevitably bring out the best in him? Praise is active faith; thanksgiving is active faith. Many delayed healings have been successfully completed when those in need of healing have awakened to the power of praise and thanksgiving. That healing and that blessing are beautifully complete in the mind of God, the Creator of all good. Your joy and praise-filled faith uncovers that good at hand.

However, even a "mustard-seed" faith needs to be sustained by persistent effort. Otherwise it will lay dormant and eventually fade altogether. An attitude of faith rather than one of fear needs to be developed—an attitude of optimism rather than of pessimism; an attitude of joy and praise and thanksgiving rather than of depression and negation. These

attitudes, held faithfully, will always help us to look for the good rather than the weaknesses in ourselves and others. It is a tendency to look always toward the good and to look away from the shadows of life toward the shining light of truth about God and His image, man. It is the ability to have faith always in the power of man to overcome, to achieve good results, to triumph with God's help.

This general attitude does not come to us overnight anymore than does the ability to play a symphony. It is acquired gradually. The little we have learned is proved by active use. It grows gradually, day by day, into a confirmed habit of thinking and doing. It has been said that persons who love plants and flowers—really love them—help them to grow more lovely. If we love anything we usually give it special care and attention. This we must do with our "mustard seed" of faith. We must love it, praise it, bless it, give it special care and attention, and it will grow beautiful and strong for us.

Jesus, with His great faith and understanding, was also a man of action. He spent hours and even nights in prayer in order to keep His great faith strong and steadfast. But He did not withdraw from humanity or humanity's troubles. He gave of Himself freely and lovingly, using His healing power and understanding of divine law to heal the sick, feed the hungry, find the money for taxes when due, and even raise the dead from the grave. He taught His followers to pray, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." After realizing the presence and power of the kingdom of heaven with His mind and heart, He proceeded to uncover that glorious king-

dom "in earth"—in the lives of the people around Him. And He sent His disciples "to preach good tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim release to the captives . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised."

So never allow yourself to think that your little "mustard seed" of faith is inadequate. Keep it active and warm and alive, and it will work miracles for you. And just as surely it will grow and blossom into great beauty and strength so that others may rest and be healed and comforted under its blessed shade. One day, perhaps in a time of crisis, you will realize that because you have been faithfully busy with your little "seed" of faith its roots have gone deep into the soil of Spirit and its branches have grown into the blue heaven. You will know then that your little bit of faith has grown into something glorious and strong and splendid, sustaining you and others. It will, as Jesus promised, do seemingly impossible things for you. It will move mountains of fear and negation and worry, change bad habits into good habits, change a trend of "downward" thinking into a cheer-filled, joy-filled "upward" one. It will teach you how to love in God's way, wisely and patiently and compassionately. This loving will be your healing and your blessing, and you will say these words of thanks to the Father:

Thank You Father for helping me to know that You have given me a seed of faith in my heart as a gift of Your love. Help me to love it, praise it, and cultivate it by constant use so that it will grow to Your glory and to the glory of Your kingdom of heaven here on earth. Thank You in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

"Keep Thy Heart with All Diligence"

ESTHER FRESHMAN

FROM THE TIME man began to analyze himself even primitively and to have any form of social relations, the heart has been referred to as his center of being. And even today, when we think of man radiating goodness, we think of the heart as the focal point of such generation. God, we often say, resides in the heart of man.

We hear, also, opposite qualities being referred to in the following fashion: "The man has no heart."

In the wonderfully wise instructions of life as given in the Proverbs, we are commanded,

"Keep thy heart with all diligence;
For out of it are the issues of life."

The gracious householder keeps an orderly house. Plans are made so that it shall be thus. Directions are given and followed so that an established pattern of good in the home's activities may be maintained. Housekeeping is an occupation that any woman knows requires much persistence and the greatest of diligence.

A successful businessman keeps an orderly, well-functioning office, plant, or store. His business demands his concentration, his abilities and thoughts, his consecrated activity. He keeps his place of business "with all diligence."

An orderly, harmonious, and successful life requires no less painstaking application on the part of the one living it. We live in an amazing era of

human relationships. We can travel to one another rapidly. We can communicate with others across the globe almost instantly. Our good performances can be recorded in many parts of the world as they are in process of achievement. And unfortunately, our not-so-good deeds can be felt with equal rapidity and far-reaching effects while they are still embryos. So, in this particular sense, the heart of man and what it contains is a most important factor to everyone in the world. And the heart of man and how it responds is vital to the individual himself.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence;
For out of it are the issues of life."

Literally, this command is a law of living for all of us. The heart of man, considered only as a physical organ, is of course a vital matter. When his heart stops beating, man, as he knows life at this immediate point, is halted in his particular processes for this phase of his being. The mysteries of the transition can well be left in trusting faith to the Author of this plan; our concern is the diligent keeping of the heart while we live on earth. Science today is confirming in no uncertain terms what Jesus taught many centuries ago. Wholesome, harmonious, joyful living has great and good influence upon the heart itself. Jesus knew and warned about fear. He knew it as the great destroyer of man and preached of the healing, renewing love of the Father. Cardiologists know today that fear can damage a heart, even though some of them may not yet be fully aware of ways to induce their patients to use the healing properties of love to offset the damage.

It is a necessity to successful living and a vital

factor to health that man follows the law of good. Man is in process of learning this as a matter of self-preservation. But the law of God's good keeps unfolding in its irrevocable direction; its not-to-be-denied pattern of fulfillment is going steadily on to its ordained goal. This law is impersonal and respects no particular man. Man when he embraces the law, however, finds himself blessed by the loving grace of God.

What are some ways to keep the heart with all diligence? Physically the healthy heart has a particular rhythm pattern. It beats to its own law of good; it functions in orderly fashion. Its rhythm is definitely related to the law of the universe—the law of Good. All contributing forces to this good maintain it in this pattern. One of the most important influences is sustained loving relationships with others. Another vital factor is serenity. Adequate self-expression of the individual is still another. The heart of man is not absolutely under his individual order. It is as though it might be a divine loan to him for his use through this particular life's expression. Man may, therefore, in semi-control or by an incorrect way of life, cause a delay in his receiving of the divine order as it goes on its way to the good.

The greatest commandments given to man are the commandments urging him to love: Love of God—love of man—love of self. On this the law is based. Man in hate is man in fear; when so, he is outside of the law. From such a heart there spring issues of life that are incompatible with the forces heading inexorably toward their good. The final result? Destruction—for the law will not be denied.

It is the one; there is nothing else. All extraneous to it must, by its nature, fade away.

Serenity is rooted in the soil of love. Serenity and peace of mind issue from trust and from faith. To love God and to trust Him is to partake of His greatest blessing. The more complete our faith in Him, the more of Him we see in those about us. And in such awareness of Him comes the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding"—the divine tranquillity.

The joyful man knows his mission and proceeds about the matter of fulfilling it. He who is keeping his heart "with all diligence" knows why it is important for him to do so. Such a person realizes that he is on a divine assignment and is about his "Father's business," just as the great Teacher, Jesus, advised. Through loving trust in God such a man goes forth in harmonious relationship with those about him. He is fulfilling his divinely decreed work.

I have a friend who typifies the gracious hostess. It is not wealth or material things that make her home the blessed place it is. There is a richness there that vibrates because of a loving spirit rather than because of attractive draperies, gleaming furniture, well-selected china and silver. It is not just the comfort of the davenport that makes guests give a special sigh when they come into her living room to relax. There is a peacefulness in that room that dissipates any tensions that may try to enter. This woman leads an extremely busy life—a life of service. She must keep many clocked engagements. She speaks on the radio; she appears on the speaker's platform; she is in her office many hours a day. Yet in her

home she prepares delicious, hospitable meals. And she opens her door to guests constantly with an unruffled, peaceful countenance. Her warm, firm handclasp is a strength-giver; her charming smile is a bestower of healing affection. This beloved friend keeps an orderly, beautiful home. She maintains an efficient office. And she keeps her heart "with all diligence," because she knows well that out of it come "the issues of life."

How does she keep her heart? She keeps her heart a place of beauty, a place of joy, a place of peace and faith. She keeps her heart as a fit habitation for His kingdom. She keeps her heart a dwelling place for the One she holds most dear—God.

A man in our city has a public office to which are brought many serious problems. Over his desk futures are actively planned. Very often the scattered pieces of broken lives are sorted out, reorganized, and arranged in a finer pattern. This man's counsel and judgment are respected, sought. How does he work? He works with the greatest humility, with unbelievable simplicity, with loving understanding and consideration. He keeps his heart "with all diligence," for certainly out of it he sees clearly that there come "the issues of life." This man starts his day with God; he constantly seeks divine counsel; he sees all the Godlike qualities in his fellow men. The office, because of the many demands, is a busy one. But its presiding influences are calmness, quietness, and a divine peacefulness that bring a healing, which is so much needed by its visitors. Orderliness always predominates. Never is there a sense of pressure, of hurriedness, but rather that all the time

necessary is there for the renewal, the re-establishing of the individual who comes seeking.

What is the basis of this pattern of love, then, that is necessary to the heart and that shall have the needful influence upon life? Persons, such as these mentioned, knowingly perform their work through the grace of God. They are aware of Him at all times. They seek and cement their closeness to Him through prayer. They improve their realization of Him through study and through constant communion with Him.

Out of the heart, out of the inner being of man, is projected that which shall be his life. Too many of us believe it to be the opposite. We go on a false assumption, believing that external circumstances and influences about us make or mar our lives. But it is within that the web is started, and it is within that the blessings of life are contained. "The kingdom of God is within," the Bible tells us. And what we give forth, what we proclaim and project as ours is established by the way we maintain that inner part.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence." See that it is a fit residence for the divine qualities that seek habitation there. See that it is prepared and equipped to generate the good that is its right. See that it is filled with love so that it may give forth love. See that it is full of consideration and understanding so that it may wisely appraise and evaluate others and live in loving relationship with them.

Deny entrance to fear. Deny entrance to negative thoughts. Love belongs as a ruler of the heart, and where love is there is no room for fear, for condemnation, for lack in any form.

It begins with the individual. "With lovingkindness have I drawn thee," God said, and He has placed within us that which is His priceless gift—the heavenly and divine qualities of the Christ self. It is this image that we must treasure and keep perfect—this, within the heart, that we must keep "with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

"What Would Ye?"

Fay Wilson

What gift would you ask of the Father?
Would you seek of Him freedom from pain?
Go to Him in prayer, in secret;
You have but to ask in Christ's name.

Do your coffers seem empty of riches?
Have you little of silver and gold?
Ask, and open your heart to receive it;
He will give you abundance untold.

Are your shoulders bowed down with your burdens?
Does your spirit seek comfort and peace?
Go to Him in faith with your sorrows—
Leave them and find blessed release.

Yes, whatever your need, He is waiting
In love to answer your prayer.
You need go no farther in sadness;
Turn to Him and find happiness there.

"What Is That To Thee?"

ONETA ALDRICH WAKEFORD

THE NEW TESTAMENT'S greatness lies not only in the fact that it is a written account of Jesus' life, but also in the fact that it contains so many passages that are applicable in our lives today. By studying and applying Truth to our daily experiences, joy, success, and prosperity can be ours.

One of my favorite Biblical quotations is found in John 21:22. Jesus gently rebukes Peter saying, "What *is that* to thee? follow thou me."

How many, many times all of us can use these words as a reminder in our own daily lives! They are a reminder that the tumult of the outer world need not claim our attention. We have only to turn within and follow the inner Christ if we desire peace. The confusion, the unrest, the hubbub of the external will not dismay us if we stay our minds on Christ. Let Him lead us in our thoughts and actions. This is His rightful power. And when we "render . . . unto God" that which is His, we will find that our lives are in perfect balance and joyous order.

But how often we forget or ignore that inner Presence and let events or words of another person lead us! Then, when we see our lives unbalanced with financial stress, unhappiness, or failure, we blame God. But the fault is ours; God is ever-present within us, wanting to lead us, but we choose Him not. Instead, we give outer things of the world the power of leadership.

How, then, can we blame God for our wrong choice? Let us go back to our source, to the God within, and there seek the wisdom that is awaiting us. By following the Christ we can erase all negative conditions in our lives and replace them with glorious, positive ones.

"What *is that* to thee? follow thou me." These words can be used also as a checkrein for a too avid curiosity. A lot of disharmony is caused among neighbors, friends, and members of a family because of curiosity about another person's affairs.

Often, of course, we do not call our inquisitiveness by its name. We may call it interest instead, but interest that becomes too personal or overbearing is correctly labeled inquisitiveness.

For example, Mrs. R—— felt that she was showing only motherly interest in her daughter Janet's marriage, but in reality she was meddling. She was a daily visitor at her daughter's apartment, giving advice that Janet neither asked for nor wanted.

Mrs. R—— first noticed that something was wrong with her relationship with her daughter and son-in-law Ted when he did not welcome her as warmly as he formerly had. She began, also, to detect a bit of restraint in Janet's manner toward her.

The climax came one evening when Janet and Ted were talking enthusiastically about buying a home, their first. Mrs. R—— interrupted their discussion: "I certainly don't see how you children can afford to buy a house at this time. If I were you, I'd wait a few more years."

Her unrequested opinion was met with stony silence. She saw Janet and Ted exchange glances.

Then Ted spoke quietly, but firmly: "We both love you very much, Mother R——, but Janet and I think we are able to judge for ourselves whether or not we can afford to buy a house. We're adults now and we'd like to run our own lives."

Mrs. R—— soon took her leave. She was deeply hurt by Ted's remarks. After all, she had been thinking only of what was best for them. But now she understood the cause of the strain in their relationship. They thought she was meddling in their affairs!

As usual, Mrs. R—— read her Bible before going to bed. When she came to the words, "What *is that* to thee? follow thou me," they seemed to stand out boldly with a special meaning for her. Perhaps she had been too concerned about the children! Perhaps she had pried into their affairs. Silently she asked forgiveness for herself. Then she decided that in the future she would maintain a hands-off policy.

And she did just that. She visited them less frequently so they would not think she was checking on them, and she refrained from giving any advice. Everything should have been all right, but it was not. The coolness and the restraint were still there.

Then one day Mrs. R—— realized what was wrong. She had declared a hands-off policy, but not a thoughts-off policy. Outwardly, she had loosed Janet and Ted, but inwardly she had continued to hold them too tightly. Instead of releasing them to God's infinite love and wisdom, she had bound them to her with her silent worry.

With this new realization she was finally able to loose them completely. She was still interested

in them, but never overanxious about them or their affairs. She trusted them and the power of God within them enough to free them from her invisible ties of worry. Ted and Janet soon sensed her new attitude and responded to it with warmth and friendliness.

Are you finding it difficult to stick to your goal of accomplishing something you sincerely desire? Do you worry and often feel that there are too many distractions and obstacles blocking your way? Then take to heart Jesus' words to Peter and use them frequently. Whenever a distraction or obstacle to your goal confronts you, brush it aside with, "What *is that* to thee? follow thou me."

In striving toward a sincere goal, you are trying to follow the Highest Good—God—within you. You are endeavoring to be a channel through which God can express Himself. It does not matter whether your goal lies in the field of the arts or in business or homemaking. Your earnest desire is your divine spark, wishing to be brought into manifestation. Concentrate on that goal and you will find that your life has taken on deeper meaning. You will be working for the glorification of God. Refuse to allow a distraction to sway you or an obstacle to discourage you from your purpose. Listen to your inner Spirit say, "What *is that* to thee? follow thou me."

Every prayer you read, every kindness you do, every unselfish feeling that animates you, attunes your nature to the divine Nature.—AARON WIRPEL

Why Prayers Are Not Answered

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THERE IS HARDLY anyone who has not, at some time or another, asked the question, "Why hasn't my prayer been answered?" In some old records unearthed in Egypt we are told of a saying ascribed to Jesus: "Ask for heavenly things and earthly things will be given you." This is tantamount to the Biblical quotation, "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Furthermore, we are told, "If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee . . . first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Again, "But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." But "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss."

Just what is meant by "ye ask amiss"? If we are to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then this search should be the primary objective of our lives, the first petition of our prayers. We should seek purity of heart, cleanliness and positiveness of mind, constructive and uplifting speech, and unselfish service to mankind. Most of us undoubtedly put the cart before the horse here. We think first and

foremost of material gain and personal satisfaction and pleasure. There are those who reach their goals in this seeking but alas! it can never bring that peace of mind and supreme joy which come as a result of seeking first the kingdom. These persons have asked amiss and must sooner or later pay the penalty.

To illustrate further, let us suppose that you need money. You do not ask for money directly. You pray for ideas that, when carried out, will enable you to help your fellow men. If your heart is pure, your motives sincere, these ideas will be given you; and through them you will not only be able to contribute to the happiness of others, but also acquire the needed money. You want to win a victory. You do not ask for victory but for love and joy. You must be willing to feel love for all mankind and joy singing in your heart at all times, if you expect the desires of your heart to be fulfilled. Love and joy are the steppingstones, so to speak, on which you will reach your goal. Without them you "ask amiss."

Then again anger, resentment, or hatred does not lead to answered prayer. Doubt, lack of faith, self-seeking, envy, or pompousness do not bring answers to prayer. These are steppingstones that lead to unanswered prayer, for those who walk them are asking amiss. Unlike love, joy, charity, and faith, which lead to answered prayer, the fulfillment of our hearts' desires, these negative qualities lead in the opposite direction.

What, then, are the steps that take one to the threshold of constructive, efficient prayer? First of all, a thorough cleansing of one's heart and mind of all self-seeking, doubt, or malice is needed. With

this as a most essential basis, one should ask to be shown the way to reach the desires of his heart by first serving others.

For example, you want a home. You keep the vision of the kind of home you want clearly in your mind, and you ask that you be shown whatever you are to do toward bringing this home into manifestation. Then you do what you are shown to the glory of God and to the greatest good of all persons concerned. And all this with the proviso that it is the Lord's will that you have the home.

You may write a book that will bring you the money necessary for the desired home. Or you may produce a fine crop of vegetables that will help to bring pleasure and nourishment to hundreds of persons and net the necessary proceeds for the home. Or you may invent something of benefit to humanity and have the home come through your invention.

There are manifold ways by which the desire may be fulfilled, as it will be, if you ask not amiss. And when it is thus fulfilled it will be as the house built by the hand of the Lord on a firm foundation, which neither wind nor wave can destroy and in which love, faith, and joy will reside forever.

If you have faith in God, or man, or self,
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf
Of silence all your thoughts till faith shall come.
No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

I Meet My God in Silent Prayer

from the writings of

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Illumination: I daily praise Spirit within me for illumination and ever-increasing wisdom.

Prosperity: Let all my thought people praise Thee, O God; then shall the earth yield her increase and prosperity become manifest.

Healing: I daily praise the Spirit of life and health for restoring me to perfection of mind and body.

INSTRUCTIONS: This month's Illumination, Prosperity, and Healing Thoughts emphasize praising and giving thanks to the Father for our good. You will find that as you repeat prayers and meditate on their meaning certain questions that you have often asked about the character and location of God, will be answered and you will have a feeling of confidence and security in a higher power that is ever with you.

Beginning with this month (November) the Illumination, Prosperity, and Healing Thoughts will be used for the full calendar month. We trust that you will find this period of use more convenient than the old.

ILLUMINATION

Illumination is the light of Christ, spiritual understanding. When the Christ radiance lights the mind, the whole being is illumined with Truth. Therefore there is in man a capacity for knowing God consciously and communing with Him. "I am the door of the sheep." The wide spread belief that a man can turn over to those who have better understanding the straightening out of his tangled thoughts, does not prove true. Such help may be extended temporarily, but it always proves a thief and a robber in the end. Eventually each soul must go to the fount of wisdom for himself, and realize oneness with the all-knowing Mind, until the inner light is kindled, and every thought is brought into the fold of the Christ.

Those who do not recognize that they have this inner wisdom are thinking intellectually instead of spiritually. The Christ light comes forth from God and under all circumstances is aware of its source. It places all judgment in the Father, knowing that its light is from the Father. The intellectual man has no conception of this truth but depends more on man-made judgment.

When all our thoughts are inspired by Spirit, the seeds of perfection are planted in the consciousness. In the measure that we achieve conscious recognition of the Christ presence in all men, we come to live the life of peace, of power, of understanding.

With a heart full of thanksgiving affirm:

I daily praise Spirit within me for illumination and ever-increasing wisdom.

When we praise and give thanks for the inexhaustible plenty and bounty of God every little cell picks up the message and like chain lightning carries it through our nerves and out into the ether, and prosperity in many ways becomes manifest.

When we seek His kingdom and His righteousness all things are added unto us.

For our thought people to give thanks and praise the Father, and by so doing to cause the earth to yield her increase may seem without meaning to one who has had but little experience with the power of words. But to the experienced metaphysician who has felt the thrill of certain words and observed how they move upon the invisible spiritual substance, these words are vital, and he uses them with the assurance that there will be a definite outpicturing in the visible of the invisible substance of the all-providing One.

Jesus taught that the Father-Mind is more willing to give than we are to receive and that it is God's glory to provide abundantly for all His creatures. So all our prayers for prosperity should include the realization that it is a great pleasure and joy to Him when we allow His Spirit to fill our mental coffers to overflowing, and that this infilling of the invisible receptacles of the mind will make in us a storehouse of substance out of which we can draw all-sufficiency in all things. In His name affirm:

Let all my thought people praise thee, O God; then shall the earth yield her increase and prosperity become manifest.

HEALTH

Man recognizes that health is fundamental in Being and that health is his own divine birthright. It is the orderly state of existence, but man must learn to use this knowledge to sustain the consciousness of health.

Praising and giving thanks liberate the finer essences of mind and body when we center our attention on Spirit. Spirit is the dynamic force that releases the pent-up energies within man. These energies have been imprisoned in the cells, and when released are again restored to action in the body by the chemistry of creative Mind. The perfection of this restoration is in proportion to the understanding and industry of the individual.

Every thought we loose in our mind carries with it a certain substance, life, and intelligence. This intelligence we name our thought people. Whenever praise is reflected into these little centers of intelligence and carried to every part of the body and through the ether to a large extension of our aura, our whole consciousness and everything about us is tinctured in a degree by these thought people.

Singing praise, and giving thanks are known to the spiritually minded as the great building impulses of man. Never repress the tendency to be thankful in happy songs of praise.

Proclaim yourself and all persons perfect in Spirit and manifestation, and that perfection will finally appear. Affirm:

I daily praise the Spirit of life and health for restoring me to perfection of mind and body.

The Mirror of Life

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HOW CAN ANYTHING as intangible as prayer or a change of thought affect such material problems as organic disease, a broken home, or a failing business? Persons interested in the principles of Truth ask me this question more than any other. In doing so they touch upon what is perhaps the greatest stumbling block to spiritual understanding—our misconception of what is real.

To most of us, the external represents the real. We feel that anything which is obvious to the senses must be real, because it can be seen, touched, tasted, heard, weighed, or measured. Its existence is apparent. That life, truth, wisdom, love, and justice exist also, we admit. But their existence has a more nebulous quality. We feel that we can never be quite sure of them or how they will act for us. And this is our great mistake.

Jesus said, "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment," thereby inferring that appearances are not to be trusted. We often quote these words but usually fail to see beyond their surface meaning. It was in trying to explain their significance to my young son that I came upon an illustration that clarified my own thought and may help you to clarify yours.

"How can prayer change things?" was my son's question, and in it were all men's eagerness to believe and the age-old plea for understanding.

Calling the boy to the window, I told him to look out and tell me what he saw. It was an early summer day. The back gardens and lawns were neatly weeded, the trees were like billowing green clouds among neighboring houses. He told me what he saw. "You are satisfied that these things are real?" I asked him.

"Oh, yes," was his quick answer.

"Yet you see nothing," I told him, "that was there two hundred years ago, except the earth itself and possibly one or two of the tallest trees. One hundred years ago this house had not been built. There was no paved roadway leading into town. Indeed, there was no town as we know it. There were no automobiles or busses and certainly no television aerials to be seen. So you see that much of what we are looking at is quite new, if we think in terms of long periods of time."

He agreed that this was so, and I continued.

"God, of course, thinks in terms not of time but of eternity. From His viewpoint our seemingly solid universe with its myriads of people, its cities and industries is a flowing stream of life. It is not fixed and permanent, but fluid and ever-changing."

This insight into the divine point of view was clearly new to my son. Like most of us, he had always thought of conditions as fixed and more or less permanent, not to say formidable. But he could understand what I meant. In our everyday life change is an apparent and accepted phenomenon. We drive along a road we have not taken for several months and find that whole subdivisions of bright new houses have gone up in the meantime. We see old

neighbors move out and new ones move in. Last year's clothes no longer fit my teen-age son and his quickly growing sister. The little boy who went to kindergarten and the little girl just learning to walk have disappeared and in their places are two young persons quite different in appearance, ability, and outlook.

Looking at life in this way, we begin to realize what the ancients meant when they spoke of external conditions as maya—the mirror of illusion. The illusion is not in the things themselves, for they certainly exist and may be experienced. The illusion, the deceptive appearance, is our belief that these things are permanent and are causes in themselves.

Life is a mirror, and everything we see in it is a reflection of something else. This "something else" is the real cause. It projects conditions without being bound by them and is the creative principle of the universe: Divine Mind.

If, on looking into a mirror in your living room, you were to see that the room was in disorder, you would not try to change the room by changing the reflection in the glass. You would ignore the reflection, which is only an effect, and set to work on the room itself, knowing that as soon as the room is tidy the reflection will automatically correspond.

Whatever is held up to life, life reflects. Conditions are effects, not causes; fluid, not fixed. They depend for their existence on the cause that projects them; and because this cause is mental, it can be changed.

"Now, you see," I told my son, "how prayer changes things. Of course, I do not mean an anxious,

hand-wringing, petitioning prayer. I mean the sort of prayer in which we accept God's will as good and affirm acceptance of that good with grateful expectation."

He nodded, and I knew he was thinking of Mrs. M——. Mrs. M—— was an unwilling customer on my son's paper route. She did not like the paper and did not want it, but it had been sent to her as a gift by one of her relatives and had to be delivered. Each evening she came to the door with a tirade of criticism and complaint, until my son dreaded to go there. Then, without any suggestion on my part, my son decided to "work" on Mrs. M——. The week before, his Sunday-school teacher had told the class how she and her family overcame the enmity of a neighbor by holding in mind only kind, pleasant, and friendly pictures of him. He decided to do this for Mrs. M—— rather than resenting her behavior.

To those unfamiliar with the power of faith in prayer, results would appear remarkable, if not unbelievable. In a matter of days Mrs. M——'s whole attitude changed. Criticism of the paper dropped, and she told my son how much she appreciated his friendly manner and good service. She gave him some cookies she had just baked and offered to send me the recipe. I was happy for my son, of course, and for Mrs. M——, too, for she could hardly have been happy in her previous attitude. But my greatest pleasure was in seeing the divine principles my son has learned come alive for him in actual experience; for we can know the Spirit of truth only at first-hand, however attentive we may be to the letter.

Do not let conditions deceive you. Be wary of

appearances. For all their seeming solidity they are not real in the sense that they are lasting. They are simply the reflection of what your thought, or the thought of the race, is holding up to life at this moment. God's ideas are always harmonious and perfect. They reflect only that which is good, true, harmonious, and loving. As His children, it is our duty and privilege to think God's thoughts after Him —to think love rather than hate, beauty rather than ugliness, peace rather than contention, health rather than disease, life rather than death.

Whatever you would remove from your experience, whether it be ill-health, failure, or lack, remove it first from your mind. Stop thinking about it and believing in it. Concentrate, instead, on its divine counterpart. Conversely, anything you would add to your experience must be added first in consciousness. The real is within, and whatever you want out of life must first be experienced in your mind and in your heart. Conditions will always correspond exactly, for they are only reflections of what you hold up to the mirror of life.

"So I tell you, whatever you pray for and ask, believe you have got it and you shall have it."

The world sits at the feet of Christ,
Unknowing, blind, and unconsoled;
It yet shall touch His garment's fold,
And feel the heavenly Alchemist
Transform its very dust to gold.

—WHITTIER

Sunday LESSONS

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Lesson 5, November 1, 1953

UNITY SUBJECT—*Bringing Christ into the Life.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*What Is a Christian Home?*—Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 5:21—6:4.

4. Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah:
5. And thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart;
7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
8. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes.
9. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

21. Subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ.
22. Wives, *be in subjection* unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
23. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, *being* himself the saviour of the body.
24. But as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the

wives also *be* to their husbands in everything.

25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it;

26. That he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,

27. That he might present the church to himself a glorious *church,* not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28. Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself:

29. For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church;

30. Because we are members of his body.

31. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.

32. This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church.

33. Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see* that she fear her husband.

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise),

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

GOLDEN TEXT—*God setteth the solitary in families.*—Psalms 68:6.

SILENT PRAYER—*This day I choose to follow Jesus entirely out of sin and death into perfection and fullness of life.*

Divine law is the law that governs all life, and

in the wise teachings of the ages we find the guidance and advice needed for the charting of our course through life. The Mosaic law contains explicit instructions for the training of the young so that they may avoid any necessity of learning the law of life by trial and error. The latter method, as someone has pointed out, is far too costly for youth to follow. Precept and example are available and are the proper educational approach to divine law for the young. "When thy son asketh thee in time to come . . . thou shalt say unto thy son."

Doubt and uncertainty are no part of the proper training of the child. His sense of security demands clear interpretation both of history and of Truth. The deliverance that God wrought for us in times past was for our good. It was to keep us in harmony with Truth, to enable us to express life more fully and freely.

Man is so apt to look upon the material world as the world of reality that he must be reminded constantly of the spiritual source of all things. He must continually and consciously love God with all His heart and being, so that God may be a reality to him. Children need to be reminded that God is a reality and that they should love Him supremely. The love of God should be remembered in the family circle. When one is out walking he should be conscious of his oneness with God. When one goes to sleep he should let divine love sink into his subconscious mind, where it will build health and strength into his body. When one rises in the morning he should feel the presence of the loving Father.

Man, the son of God, has power to attract to him-

self the things that he loves. Through fixing his thought on God he learns to know and to love God, and he enters into a consciousness of power that he uses in every thought and act.

Divine love is much more than the exercise of the emotional nature. The deepest convictions of the heart find their outlet through it. The mightiest power is the power of love, for it is enduring as well as irresistible.

Heart and soul are the chief part of us. To be heart and soul in a movement is to be dedicated to it with all our thought, strength, devotion, and initiative. To give ourselves heart and soul to the love of God is to make love the motive of life, the purpose underlying conduct, and the nucleus of all thought.

To keep a law is to teach it to others by the best method, the power of example. Oral expression was once the chief way of teaching or declaring a truth that one wished to impart. Custom now accepts the proverb that "actions speak louder than words," although we cannot refrain from speaking also of the things that we have most at heart.

Before religion can become effective in the home the members of the family must be at home with the thought of God as their unfailing resource, their ever-present help, the one substance, the one energy, the one Spirit of love, harmony, and good will. God must first be experienced in the heart before He can be felt in the home. As we turn to Him in thought and feeling, we gain a consciousness of Him that empowers us to drive out all less worthy thoughts and overcome undesirable habits.

As we express the Truth of God, it builds solid

substance under our feet, until we stand firm in our knowledge of the law of life. We are then at home with God in body, mind, and spirit, because our minds are centered in the Holy One, and mind is the key to consciousness. In the consciousness of universal harmony all things become possible, and we enter into the dominion that was ours in the beginning.

QUESTIONS

1. Should we give youth explicit instruction in what is right and true, or is such a course dogmatic?
2. Why should we be diligent in teaching Truth to ourselves and to our children?
3. What is necessary before religion can become effective in the home?
4. Interpret the first commandment from the viewpoint of love.

Lesson 6, November 8, 1953

UNITY SUBJECT—*Co-operation in Service.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Stronger Churches—Better Communities.*—Acts 2:41-47; Phil. 1:27-30; I Pet. 2:4, 5, 9, 10.

41. They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added *unto them* in that day about three thousand souls.

42. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45. And they sold their possessions and goods, and

parted them to all, according as any man had need.

46. And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart,

47. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved.

27. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel;

28. And in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God;

29. Because to you it hath been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf:

30. Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

4. Unto whom coming, a living stone, rejected indeed of men, but with God elect, precious,

5. Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

9. But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

10. Who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.*—Phil. 1:27.

SILENT PRAYER—*I am one with God and with all in whom God is made manifest.*

The rite of baptism antedates the beginning of

the first Christian church. Baptism represents denial by man of any part or interest in materiality or in personal ideas. It is clear that denial of personal ideas is an important step to be taken by all who wish to hold in mind only ideas that are of spiritual origin and import. From the individual standpoint the church is, first of all, an aggregation of spiritual ideas in the mind.

Spirit is harmonious in all its manifestations. No matter how numerous spiritual ideas may be, they are always in harmony. Under such conditions man is at peace. As long as his work is done in the spirit of the Christ, he is aided by spiritual ideas, and these further his plans. His strength comes from this aid, and concentration on one goal or aim increases the effectiveness of his faculties. "All that believed were together, and had all things common." Harmonious interests make for peace and stability in the individual, in the group, and in the world at large. When mankind is united by common interests that are seen to confer blessings on all world peace will come.

The many religious denominations today are due to the varying interpretations placed on the Scriptures. These interpretations too often have to do with various rites and ceremonies that of themselves are of little importance. On certain fundamental principles all the churches as well as all the right-minded persons outside the churches agree. This agreement consolidates virtually the whole mass of humanity into one great body, and this constitutes the true church of Christ.

The true mission of the Christ church on earth is to establish peace and good will among all men. To

do this, members should stress all points of agreement among themselves and allow differences to drop from sight. The Christ ideal for the race as a whole must be kept steadily in mind. Already a beginning has been made in the co-operation among Jews, Catholics, and Protestants in matters of common interest. The true church of Christ will be the complete unification of all persons in the Christ consciousness, and toward this end all men of vision will work gladly.

To try to hold ourselves aloof from the life of those around us is futile. If we have the salt of an active faith, we must put it into the bread of life to bring out its full flavor. If we have light within ourselves, we must uncover it so that it may give light to others. We will use this light to quicken our intelligence, to tone up our physical functions, to harmonize our emotions with our social impulses. The work of the church is first individual, then collective. Men come into the Christ consciousness as individuals, and seeming differences will vanish gradually as all men come to understand.

Love makes for co-operation. Those who see alike have the same ideals, love the same things. The early disciples thought more of the Christ principles and teachings than of their worldly belongings. They did not hesitate to sell their goods for the sake of supporting all who were engaged in the Christ work. As man understands the principle of love, he drops all selfishness. Until love becomes a universal expression of the Christ power we shall have the poor with us, but when all men act from the pure impulse of love poverty will vanish from the earth. Everyone

will be eager to share what he has with others; and if he lacks money and property, he will share other evidences of "wealth"—his energy, industry, willingness, initiative, thought. Labor troubles will be a thing of the past when everyone studies to give of his best and forgets to fight for all he can get for himself.

Every group of persons associated together has an aim that this association is meant to advance. The aim of the church of Jesus Christ is the furtherance of His kingdom. To this end each person is willing to do the work for which he is best fitted, not for his individual development but for the greatest good of the whole. The ideal to be realized is a universal ideal, namely the mental and spiritual maturity of the whole church. In token of growing maturity of mind and soul the followers of the Christ learn gradually to think in terms of the whole church, until "all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

The church cannot grow without, at the same time, promoting the growth of the individuals who compose it. It grows with their growth. Individual growth comes through "speaking truth in love," as each member contributes to the greater good of the church, to its building up "in love." To speak Truth in love is an accomplishment requiring the concentrated effort of the full-grown son of God, but when this exercise in Christlikeness is mastered and practiced all other accomplishments become easy. The aggregation of spiritual thoughts in mind, which is

the true church of Christ, is built up only through men's dwelling in the Spirit of love.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the church, in an individual sense?
2. How do spiritual ideas influence men with respect to peace?
3. What is the true church of Christ, and what is its mission?
4. To what use can understanding of spiritual truth best be put?
5. Can love solve modern industrial and other problems? If so, how?

Lesson 7, November 15, 1953

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Power of Perfection.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Good Stewards of God's Gifts.*—Psalms 24:1, Lev. 25:18-22; Mal. 3:7-10; I Cor. 16:2.

1. The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein.

18. Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep mine ordinances and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

19. And the land shall yield its fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

20. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase;

21. Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for the three years.

22. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat of the fruits, the old store; until the ninth year, until its fruits come in, ye shall eat the old store.

7. From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return

unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return?

8. Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob me, even this whole nation.

10. Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough *to receive it.*

2. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

GOLDEN TEXT—

The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein.

—Psalms 24:1.

SILENT PRAYER—*I seek to express what is good, so that I may enter into the consciousness of eternal life.*

Life partakes of the nature of eternity only as it touches the sphere of the perfect and enters into it. God consciousness is not attained without effort. Climbing is required. Jesus used the phrase, "They that are accounted worthy to attain to that world, and the resurrection from the dead." Eternal life is a goal set before us to be attained. If we wish to demonstrate it in the body, we must express the perfection of the Eternal in the measure that such expression is now possible to us. This includes, first, perfection of character, as demonstrated in uprightness, integrity, honesty, and justice in action. He who wishes to attain a consciousness of God becomes

true, genuine, sincere in heart and life. Slander is foreign to his nature, nor can he think of harming a friend by word or act. To repeat malicious gossip about a neighbor would not occur to him. His thought and meditation are of those who, like himself, seek God and try to express the divine attributes. He keeps his word. He takes no undue advantage of another and does not press his advantage at any time. Whoever sincerely expresses such perfection knows the enduring nature of eternal life. He knows and keeps the moral law.

Psalm 24 acknowledges the completeness of God's power and majesty, His creation of the world and undergirding of it. It next considers in what respects we become children of God by emulating perfection and expressing it.

The universe is spiritual in content. Materially, it is of the same plastic composition as the human body! Although largely plastic, the body retains its unchanging identity and individuality. God remains eternally constant.

There is a way in which we may express perfection now. We may, through unflagging devotion and practice, attain the spiritual heights. Whoever loves his neighbor deals justly and truly by him. His hands are innocent of fraud or double-dealing. He is guileless and genuine, lacking in all pretense. He who tells the truth as a matter of course as well as from principle, who scorns deceit is Godlike. Whoever observes this standard of conduct approaches the inner perfection of the Absolute and expresses divine power and wisdom. We can do this in the inner realm as surely as God can express the majesty

of His power in the constant miracle of creation.

To express Truth and uprightness is a blessing from God in itself. It confers a power all its own. It is our salvation, and we receive it as we express it in thought, word, and deed and not otherwise.

Prayer is one of the chief means of attaining a consciousness of eternal life. Aspiration toward uprightness and Godlikeness is expressed in a prayerful attitude, a looking to God for a consciousness of all good; for guidance; for security; for wisdom to recognize and to obey divine will; and for capacity to recognize the good and the right and to express both.

QUESTIONS

1. In what respect does life partake of the nature of eternity?
2. Of what degree of perfection are we now capable, and how do we acquire this capacity?
3. Does attainment of eternal life involve observance of the moral law?
4. What blessing from God may we receive here and now?
5. What part has prayer in enabling us to attain a consciousness of eternal life?

Lesson 8, November 22, 1953

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Power of Compassion.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Christian Compassion for All Mankind.*—Matt. 9:35, 36; Mark 1:32-34a; 8:1-9.

35. And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

36. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd.

32. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were possessed with demons.

33. And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34. And he healed many that were sick with divers diseases, and cast out many demons;

1. In those days, when there was again a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them,

2. I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat:

3. And if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way; and some of them are come from far.

4. And his disciples answered him. Whence shall one be able to fill these men with bread here in a desert place?

5. And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

6. And he commandeth the multitude to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before them; and they set them before the multitude.

7. And they had a few small fishes: and having blessed them, he commanded to set these also before them.

8. And they ate, and were filled: and they took up, of broken pieces that remained over, seven baskets.

9. And they were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

GOLDEN TEXT—*But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth.*—I John 3:17, 18.

SILENT PRAYER—*The abiding compassion and restoring power of Being fill my mind, and I find my good in the good of all.*

Some of Jesus Christ's most remarkable healings were performed in Capernaum, the home of Peter. The meaning of the name *Capernaum* is "covering of compassion," and it is rightly shown to be the abode of faith, since compassion for man in his extremity springs from faith in his possibilities as a child of God. An inner conviction of the abiding compassion and restoring power of Being fills the mind of the natural healer.

The Christ Mind is so radiant that it illumines all the dark regions of man's consciousness. It serves all his needs, whether they are physical or spiritual. Using only spiritual means, Jesus Christ healed cases of fever, leprosy, and palsy. He sometimes touched those who came to Him for healing, but this was more to emphasize His words than to effect the healing directly. More often He healed with a word only, sometimes without being physically present with the one He healed.

Physical and material methods of healing have been thoroughly exploited in this generation. Spiritual healing needs to receive more attention. Above all, we need to understand the creative word through which the spiritual forces, power, and possibilities are tapped and used in everyday life. Everyone speaks words habitually, but not everyone puts into his words the power, faith, love, and judgment necessary to make them bring his desires into manifestation. These four faculties quicken man's compassion for

his fellow creatures and his desire to help them realize health and well-being. When to compassion is added the conviction that present help is available to them in their need and that its manifestation need not be delayed the healing processes are readily set in motion.

When one is firmly established in the Christ consciousness of life he can heal the sick without speaking words. The Christ consciousness is the consciousness of perfection in body, mind, and soul. To have this understanding is to persist in the ideal of perfection, to "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." In this state a person radiates healing without needing to speak. Jesus Christ, coming direct from a session of teaching and healing in the synagogue, healed Simon's mother-in-law without words, merely taking her by the hand and lifting her up. He was established in the consciousness of the one Presence and the one Power, so that all things were possible to Him.

When we are surcharged with the consciousness of the one perfect life we, too, can heal with a word, a look, a thought, or a touch. To be surcharged with this consciousness requires concentration on Truth. After a season of expression we find it necessary to renew our contact with the peace and quiet of the spiritual life and to appropriate more spiritual substance. After a busy day of healing Jesus rose before day and went alone into the desert to pray. We can renew ourselves in the same way.

We may feel unequal to doing the work of the Christ, and in our personal or sense self we are without doubt unequal to it. Nevertheless, we must make

a beginning, and we have within ourselves the initial equipment. We may feel that the equipment is inadequate for so gigantic an undertaking, but the truth is that we have all received more lavishly than we ever thought of giving. Our tendency is to refrain from using our inner gifts, just as we refrain from using our fine linens, laying them away in a drawer for some special occasion rather than enjoying them every day. We are to use what we have, for without use there is no increase. We shall never be able to heal the sick with spiritual means until we put our hearts and souls into the effort.

If we would speak the word of Truth with such power as to help others banish their ills, we must overcome physical handicaps in ourselves by the same means. We begin with thought. A sick body is the outpicturing of sick thoughts. To have in us the mind that was in Christ Jesus is to have a perfect body. To have this mind, it is necessary for us to think health rather than disease. We cannot dread disease and demonstrate health. The mind must be single, for a mind divided between expectation of health and fear of disease weakens our grasp of the healing principle. Our course is to declare the perfect life of the Christ to be now abundantly present within us and to claim its manifestation.

Jesus gave health to others by inspiring them with faith and confidence and by restoring to them the assurance that they were in touch with the universal life, in fact one with it. Our work is to develop like faith and compassion with Him and to follow the way that He so clearly marked out for us by His life and works.

QUESTIONS

1. What type of faith has the natural healer?
2. What means and methods did Jesus Christ use in His healing work?
3. When we wish to give as we have received what gifts do we call into operation?
4. How is fear of disease overcome?

Lesson 9, November 29, 1953

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Law of Expectation.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Opportunity for All.*

—Deut. 24:14, 15, 19; Amos 5:10-15, 24; II Thess. 3:7-10.

14. Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy sojourners that are in thy land within thy gates:

15. In his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it (for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it); lest he cry against thee unto Jehovah, and it be sin unto thee.

19. When thou reapest thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands.

10. They hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11. Forasmuch therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof.

12. For I know how manifold are your transgressions, and how mighty are your sins—ye that afflict the just, that

take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate *from their right.*

13. Therefore he that is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye say.

15. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate: it may be that Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

24. But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

7. For yourselves know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

8. Neither did we eat bread for nought at any man's hand, but in labor and travail, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you:

9. Not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you, that ye should imitate us.

10. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.*—Amos 5:24.

SILENT PRAYER—*I earnestly seek to be just and true in all my ways and to attain the Christ standard of life.*

Increase, whether in a material or a spiritual sense, comes under a law. He who wishes to increase his good can do so most surely by laying up in his consciousness a store of law-abiding impulses and an understanding of the basis of the law of increase.

What we see with an attentive eye we make our own in at least a partial sense, namely, the inner or mental sense. What we look forward to with longing we make ours for the future. Likewise, what we ac-

tually allow ourselves to do in our relations toward others sets its seal on our future status, because our conduct influences the thought of others and their feelings toward us; and thought and feeling are the arbiters of human destiny.

Metaphysicians have found that all constructive work is in reality done in Spirit before it can be brought into visibility through the work of the mind and body. God created the universe in its spiritual essence in the beginning, and man and nature have been working out its visible details ever since. Every man has a part to do in this great work. All things were created for the individual, but each individual must make right use of all things before they will serve him, just as the principle of mathematics is man's servant only when he uses it correctly.

There are wonderful laws governing the use of electricity, but they will not serve the man who will not co-operate with them. Man cannot assume an arbitrary law and expect electricity to serve him under that law. There are great spiritual laws; Jesus understood these laws and tried to show man how to use them. Some men have understood in part and applied in part the laws that Jesus used; but the majority have stood aside, and, while marveling at His great works, have not applied the laws by which He produced these works. In spiritual matters men have set up arbitrary laws and tried to get results by following their own ideas.

One of the simple laws that Jesus gave is that he who would be great must serve. Mankind, as a whole, has not understood and applied this law. Instead. men formulated a law to the effect that he who would

be greatest must not work but must be served by others. The pages of history are strewn with accounts of the broken ambitions of men who have tried to be great according to this false law. Man is now coming to understand the value of constructive work as never before.

When we understand that work is service and that the element of love enters into true service, then we shall know how to become great, because we shall know how to co-operate with the underlying spiritual laws that produced for Jesus Christ His mighty works of healing, increase in substance, and resurrection. Serving must begin in the kindergarten of common work, just as we find it. Jesus found His common work to be carpentry. Paul found his to be earning his living by working with his hands at tentmaking even while he was preaching the gospel.

By applying the law of loving service to whatever comes to hand to do we put something into the work that raises it out of the class of drudgery into the realm of satisfaction and joy. When we realize that everything we do is a service rendered to God in return for His loving service in giving to us all things, we raise the menial task to one of high excellence. This very attitude will fit us for the next step in service. Spiritual service in work is just as necessary as mental or physical service. If the spiritual service of love and faith is not present, the work is but partly done, and it is a hardship to the laborer.

We receive most when we put ourselves heart and soul into our work regardless of its nature or place in the scale. Therefore, it behooves us to give our best in unstinted measure.

QUESTIONS

1. How can one increase his good?
2. How do our thoughts and actions influence our lives?
3. How may common tasks be transformed into transcendent work?
4. What was Jesus' estimate of a great man?

THIS IS THE DAY!

Mary L. Kupferle

Strive not to reach some envied place afar,
another's goal fulfill.
You're destined to behold your own great worth
right where you are. Let God's good will
for you work freely, in the simplest ways.
Seek not for glory nor for praise,
for where you serve this hour
He brings His glorious gifts to set ablaze
the humblest task performed
by steadfast heart!
His light, His love are ready now
to beautify the smallest part
you play. You need not win a throne
of honor, world acclaim, renown
to know your heritage of joy,
to wear your own bright crown.
Right here, right now, God grants the prize,
your bless'd inheritance. The price is small to pay—
See Him in everyone, in everything;
Behold the good in all you do today!

Silent UNITY

I daily praise Spirit within me for illumination and ever-increasing wisdom.

The Society of Silent Unity, founded more than fifty years ago, is the healing department of Unity School, ministering without seeing them, to those who need help.

Our purpose is to aid through prayer all persons who, having faith in the power of God, ask for help.

Our temporal needs are met by the freewill offerings of those to whom we minister. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Our Silent Unity group numbers some hundred consecrated workers who are devoting their lives to God's work for humanity. They are proving daily that physical, financial, mental, and spiritual difficulties can be overcome by righteous prayer. Even though everything else may have failed, we shall pray *with* you, for we have faith that "with God all things are possible."

We pray *with* you and also instruct you how to pray to the Father in secret in order that you may help yourself. Silent Unity is praying always, and your co-operation in prayer is of mutual benefit. Do not hesitate to write to us for help because your problem is personal. All correspondence is confidential.

Address your request to Society of Silent Unity, Lee's Summit, Mo. Cable address: Unity, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Give your full name and address

Prayers ANSWERED.....

These testimonials come from persons who have been healed by the power of Spirit. Those who wish to gain inspiration from someone whom God has healed may write, in care of the Unity School Editorial Department, to givers of these testimonials. Each letter must be unsealed and give the initials and address of the person to whom it is to be forwarded; also the name and date of the periodicals in which the testimonial appeared.

He Shall Have Abundance

ABOUT 3 MONTHS ago I wrote you asking for a prosperity bank and for your prayers in some affairs with which I was connected. While I did not ask for any specific prayer on any problem, I wish to tell you now what has transpired.

We had an estate to settle which involved nine people. As everyone knows, where so many persons are involved there is often friction. This estate was handled smoothly without the slightest disagreement or friction on the part of anyone involved. It was no small miracle that everyone was well satisfied. The property sold for more than agents had led us to believe it would, and everything in general worked wonderfully. This alone is a perfect demonstration that God does answer prayers.

Too, we had a piece of property to sell. While it was a lovely place, it was isolated and was only suitable for someone who didn't need to be near a working center. Shortly after we let it be known that we wanted to sell, someone told us that there was a couple wanting the place only a short time before.

We sold immediately and got a better price than we expected. I am really thankful to God for answering my prayers, and I am also expressing my thanks to Unity for their help.—*Mrs. J. E. C., Arizona.*

I WISH TO tell you of the wonderful results we have had since using the prosperity bank.

I now have a job which pays extremely well and allows me to be at home with my children too. So many good things have come our way that I wish I could tell everyone about it. It seems that our every need is met even as Jesus divided the loaves and fishes and fed the multitudes and had yet twelve baskets left over. So our lives seem filled with plenty now. —*Mrs. L. J. P., Calif.*

My Help Cometh from Jehovah

THANK YOU FOR your wonderful magazine which has opened up a new life for me since I first read it in 1935. Full of physical pain and mental anguish so unbearable that I contemplated suicide, I locked myself in a room and picked up the Bible. With all my being I cried out for help, if help were possible.

Then the answer came, and I was almost *lifted* from my bed to look in my trunk. There I found a UNITY magazine, put there by a maid in my sister's home. It had been given to me while I was visiting my sister a few years previous.

For some reason, I had never thrown that UNITY away and yet I had never read a word of it until that day of black despair. How well I remember the sense of shock I felt in my mind and body at the hope and the good it spoke of as actually possible.

My climb has been a rugged and often a heart-breaking struggle, but with constant effort and the help of your literature, and especially your letters and prayers, I have made progress. I have been calling on you for years, otherwise I could not have continued.

Although I still face many problems, my life has taken on light and color and purpose. I look forward to a brighter future and the fulfillment of my dreams. *R. A., Texas.*

He Is My Refuge

I JUST HAVE TO write and tell you the good news! A week or so ago I wrote you for prayer concerning a job for my brother-in-law. Out of a clear sky the garage where he had worked for the past five years was sold.

Last Friday he was informed by the new owner of the garage that he would be retained, not in the same position, but in one that he feels will be of great help to him for a future promotion. He was about the only one of the old crew kept on, and with pay as good if not better than before. Bless you for your wonderful work.—*J. S., Ore.*

Father, I Thank Thee

I CANNOT THANK you enough for all the help and inspiration you have given me for over a period of ten years. God is very real to me now, and though I lost my beloved husband a year ago, it seems as though God is directing my every thought, word and

action. I am not afraid or alone. May God bless your wonderful work and workers is my sincerest prayer. —*O. H. J., New York.*

LIKE MANY, MANY other people no doubt, I can't begin to express to you the blessings that have come to me and my family and the help that I have received from you since I first began to study the Unity teachings of Christianity almost four years ago.

Among these blessings I can list two wonderfully healthy, intelligent, happy, and beautiful children; a home that exactly fits our ideal of the perfect home; and most recently the freeing of my mind from any fear of financial adversity.

I could go on and on, but if I should go into detail concerning the hundreds of seemingly miraculous things that have happened to me, I would have to write you a book!

God is blessing all of you, I know, for your wonderful work.—*Mrs. W. T. T., Georgia.*

Give unto the Lord

MY WIFE AND I enjoy sending you our monthly tithe check. It means so much to us, for we feel that we are helping others as we were originally helped by a friend.

Our lives have been richly blessed since we started tithing. Nothing has been too great an obstacle for us to overcome. It is a great feeling to tithe, and it puts no pressure on our incomes whatsoever. We know we owe that to God and it is rightly His to distribute through friends such as you have been. Thank you so much.—*R. J. S. H., Missouri.*

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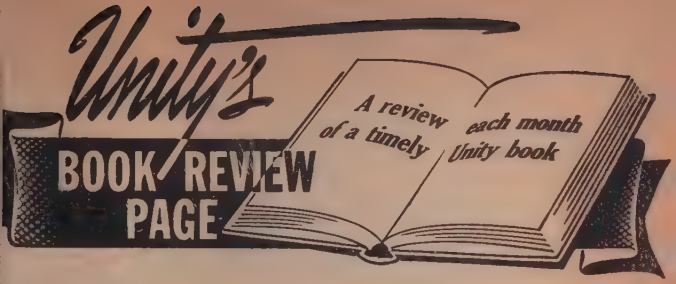

The Household of Faith

By James Dillet Freeman

The Household of Faith is the story of Unity, told by one who knew and loved Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, its founders. This book gives a clear picture of Unity's beginning, its growth, and its sphere of influence today.

For the beginner, reading *The Household of Faith* is the simplest way to discover not only the basic ideas of Truth, but the very heart of the Unity teaching. For an advanced student, *The Household of Faith* offers the most complete picture of the Unity movement that has ever been presented. It contains facts and interesting accounts that have never been printed elsewhere. For anyone, Truth student or not, *The Household of Faith* tells a warm and fascinating story of two extraordinary people, the founders of Unity, who were loved not only as spiritual leaders but as genuine human beings. No one can read this book without being stirred and lifted to new heights of faith and courage.

(Bound in rich brown Keratol and containing color photographs of Unity School and the grounds, *The Household of Faith* is priced at $5 a copy.)

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NEWS *from* UNITY

For a Merrier Christmas This Year

With Christmas at hand many Unity students will give Unity books and magazine subscriptions, knowing that they are giving gifts which cannot be valued in dollars-and-cents. In order that your Christmas orders can be handled speedily and efficiently, we offer the following suggestions:

Send your order early—today, if possible, and allow plenty of time for the literature to reach you.

Check your order after you have written it to see that all information is correct. Be sure that you have given the complete name and address of each person to whom you are sending books or magazines. Giving postal zone numbers, if you know them, will facilitate mail delivery.

Be sure that you have listed the title of each book or magazine you are ordering. And be sure to give Unity's address correctly on the envelope: Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Giving us complete and correct information on your order will avoid delay all along the line and will help us to fill your order promptly.

Music for Your Christmas Festivities

Whether you are planning a Christmas observance at church, a school program, or having a small group of friends in to sing Christmas carols, the book *Unity Song Selections* will contribute much to the occasion. This hymnbook contains words and music for "Joy to the World," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and many other favorite Christmas songs, as well as beloved hymns for general use, other holidays,

and special occasions. Containing 309 songs in all *Unity Song Selections* is bound in durable dark green Keratol and is priced at $1 a copy.

Light a Christmas Candle for the Blind

In these busy days, with the holiday season approaching, it is easy for us to forget those who are less fortunate.

Here is something you can do to make Christmas a brighter season for those who live in darkness. You can bring light into their lives by putting Unity's Braille literature at their finger tips.

This Unity literature is available in Braille:

Wee Wisdom magazine (for children), and *You* magazine (for teen-agers). Both are published in Grade 2 Braille.

Daily Word magazine (for adults), the book *Lessons in Truth* (for adults), and the booklet *Finding the Christ* (for adults). All are published in Grade 1½ Braille.

If you know someone without physical sight who can read Braille in the grade specified and who would like one of these publications, send his name and address to Unity School and give the name of the publication you wish him to receive. Unity will be glad to send your selection to your friend and help make his Christmas brighter.

There is no charge for this service. It is made possible by love offerings from those who wish to help in Unity's Braille work.

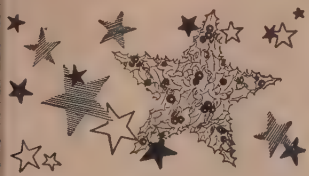
To Spread the Spirit of Christmas

In addition to the Braille work, these other Unity departments help to spread the true spirit of Christmas—of Christ:

The Unity Good Neighbor Fund—Through this fund

Unity literature is sent free to persons in the United States and foreign countries who, because of currency restrictions or other conditions, are temporarily unable to

pay for it. Contributions to this fund support the work of translating and printing of Unity books and other literature into German, Russian, Spanish, French, Dutch, Por-



tuguese, Italian, and other foreign languages.

Silent-70—This department supplies free Unity literature and spiritual encouragement to persons in hospitals, state and federal prisons, military camps in the United States and overseas, and similar organizations.

Christmas offerings may be addressed to any or all of these departments at Unity, Lee's Summit, Missouri. You may name the department that is to use your offering if you wish.

A Gift for Bible Students

Here is a book that will be an invaluable aid to advanced Truth students in their Bible study. The *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary* gives the inner, hidden meaning of scriptural names of persons and places in simple language. Usually a brief explanation of the background and history of the word defined is included as well. The *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary* is the result of years of research and preparation, and it throws new light on passages that previously seemed vague. This book contains 706 pages of enlightening definitions. It measures approximately 7 by 10 inches, is bound in rich brown Keratol, and is priced at $5 a copy.

For You Who Are Busy

Unity pamphlets contain big messages of Truth packed into a little space. Their small size makes them so handy to carry that you can read them anywhere in spare moments. Each one will open up to you new fields of thought or an-

swer some question in your mind. These pamphlets make excellent gifts, too, for anyone who likes stimulating reading.

Unity pamphlets may be

purchased individually for 5 cents each, or in assortments at various prices. For your convenience, special assortments have been prepared on the general subjects of the Bible, healing, human relations, prayer, prosperity, and spiritual development. Each assortment contains 13 pamphlets and is priced at 50 cents. Write to Unity for an order form listing all of the Unity pamphlets.

Christmas Blessings for Your Friends

For only a few cents you can send your friends real Christmas blessings in the form of Unity cards. The cards *Your Christmas Guest* and *Star in the East* have been reprinted especially for your Christmas giving.

These cards are also appropriate for the holiday season: *Blessed Home; This Is Friendship; Lord, Bless This House; Morning Prayer; Love;* plus the standard favorites: *The Lord's Prayer* and *The Prayer of Faith.*

This Is the Year is a Unity card that is ideal for use as a New Year's greeting card.

These cards may be included with your Christmas cards, tucked into your packages, or you may address them on the reverse side, affix a stamp, and mail them separately. However you send them, they are sure to be appreciated by everyone as unusual and thoughtful gifts.

And the price of these Unity cards is low so that you will want to order them in quantity. They are only 2 cents each, or 20 cents a dozen. If you buy a hundred or more cards, you may have them at the quantity price of $1.40 a hundred.

Give the "World's Best Seller" for Christmas

No story of the Nativity is more beautiful than those told in the Gospels of the Bible itself. Long ranking first in number of copies sold, the Bible has been translated into many languages, so that nearly every person can read at least part of it in his own language. The Nelson Teachers' Edition of the Bible, following the American Standard Version, is the edition Unity School recommends and uses. Printed on imported Bible paper with gilt-edged pages, this book makes a gift to be treasured for many years. Bound in beautiful, long-wearing black Keratol, this volume is priced at $6.50.

Avoid last-minute delays by sending in your Unity literature order today.

GIVE UNITY MAGAZINES FOR CHRISTMAS

You can give a lovely and lasting gift for a very small amount of money when you give a Unity magazine. As a Truth friend in California writes: "I like to send Unity magazine gifts to people because the dollar seems to last so long when it is a year's subscription for one of your publications."

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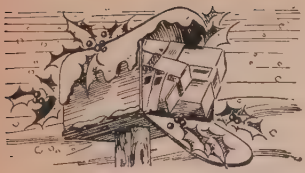

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CRYBABY KANGAROO
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Unity's newest book for children, published just last month. A collection of fourteen fascinating stories about the members of the Spartan Club. Illustrated with silhouette drawings and bound in green.

TEACH ME TO PRAY
by Bill and Bernard Martin

A book of thirty stories and prayers for children—one for each day of the month. Beautifully illustrated in full color.

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New This Year

BE OF GOOD COURAGE, by Frank B. Whitney

Articles and poems designed as aids to victorious living.

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BEST-LOVED UNITY POEMS, an anthology

181 favorite poems from the Unity literature by 111 authors.

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Announcing

A NEW UNITY GREETING BOOKLET

Just in time for your Christmas giving, here is a new Unity Greeting Booklet. Entitled *I Wish You Merry Christmas,* it is a heart-warming collection of short articles and poems in the true yuletide spirit. It includes selections by R. H. Grenville, James Dillet Freeman, Clara Bell Thurston, and many other well-known Unity authors. Its cover bears a Christmasy snow scene that is lovely enough to frame. *I Wish You Merry Christmas* makes a beautiful and inspiring remembrance for any of your friends.

Besides the new booklet *I Wish You Merry Christmas,* these eleven other booklets are also especially suitable for Christmas giving:

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The Mental Equivalent
The Protecting Presence
Recipes for Living
The Song of Life
The Week Before Christmas

Pocket-size and printed on fine paper, each colorful Unity Greeting Booklet comes with a Christmas mailing envelope requiring only 2 cents postage. The booklets are sent direct to you so that you may personally address and mail them to your friends. Unity Greeting Booklets are priced at only 10 cents each; 12 assorted (either your selection or ours) for $1.

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY
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Bright Golden Day

Georgia Moore Eberling

I thank You, Lord, for this bright golden day;
The lacquered leaves are little yellow suns
That glisten in the breeze, then fly away
With every vagrant breeze that lightly runs.
The cornfield is a tented village now,
And feathered nomads gather for a feast
Among the amber shocks; the gilded bough
Above them chants the prayer of vested priest.
The saffron blanket of the fallen leaves
Has covered naked stubble, and the soil
Lies warm and happy under topaz sheaves
Of harvest, finished with the summer's toil.
The primrose bowl of autumn cannot hold
Another leaf of copper or of gold.